

Ramona Falls Trail #797

Recreation Opportunity Guide

Northwest
Forest Pass
Required
May 1- Oct 31



Distance..... 3.5 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 2500-3500 feet
Snow Free May to October



Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Mount Hood Wilderness Area, part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Ramona Falls is a jewel drawing visitors to the area. The Sandy River, a designated Wild and Scenic River, is a dramatic example of the forces that a glacial fed river can bring forth to change the landscape. Physical signs of a volcanic debris flow from over 200 years ago are evident where the trail is near the Sandy River.

Please note: Glacial river crossings on the flanks of the Mt. Hood Wilderness do not have foot bridges. Hikers should be prepared for dangerous river conditions. Please follow the River Crossing Safety Guidelines.

Trail Description: Most visitors access this trail from Ramona Falls Trailhead. The distance round trip for this point is 7 miles. From this trailhead, visitors take the Sandy River Trail one mile eastward to where it crosses the Sandy River. River crossings can be very dangerous without preparation, patience and planning. Please be sure you have chosen the safest time, safest place and best method to cross. Hikers should be prepared to turn back or wait for a more suitable time to cross if it appears to be too dangerous. Approximately ¼ mile after the crossing, visitors will come to the Ramona Falls “loop” itself. (The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail #2000 overlaps with Ramona Falls for a couple miles in this area.) Equestrians going to Ramona Falls will stay on the southern side of the loop that goes along above the Sandy River. Hikers can choose which way to do the loop. It is about the same distance either way. Overall the route is a gentle climb gaining 1000’ over the 3.5 miles to the falls.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness Permits are required between May 15 and Oct 15.
- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

Leave No Trace

- Stay off around the falls.
- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to www.LNT.org or call 1-800-332-4100

For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

Map and driving directions on next page

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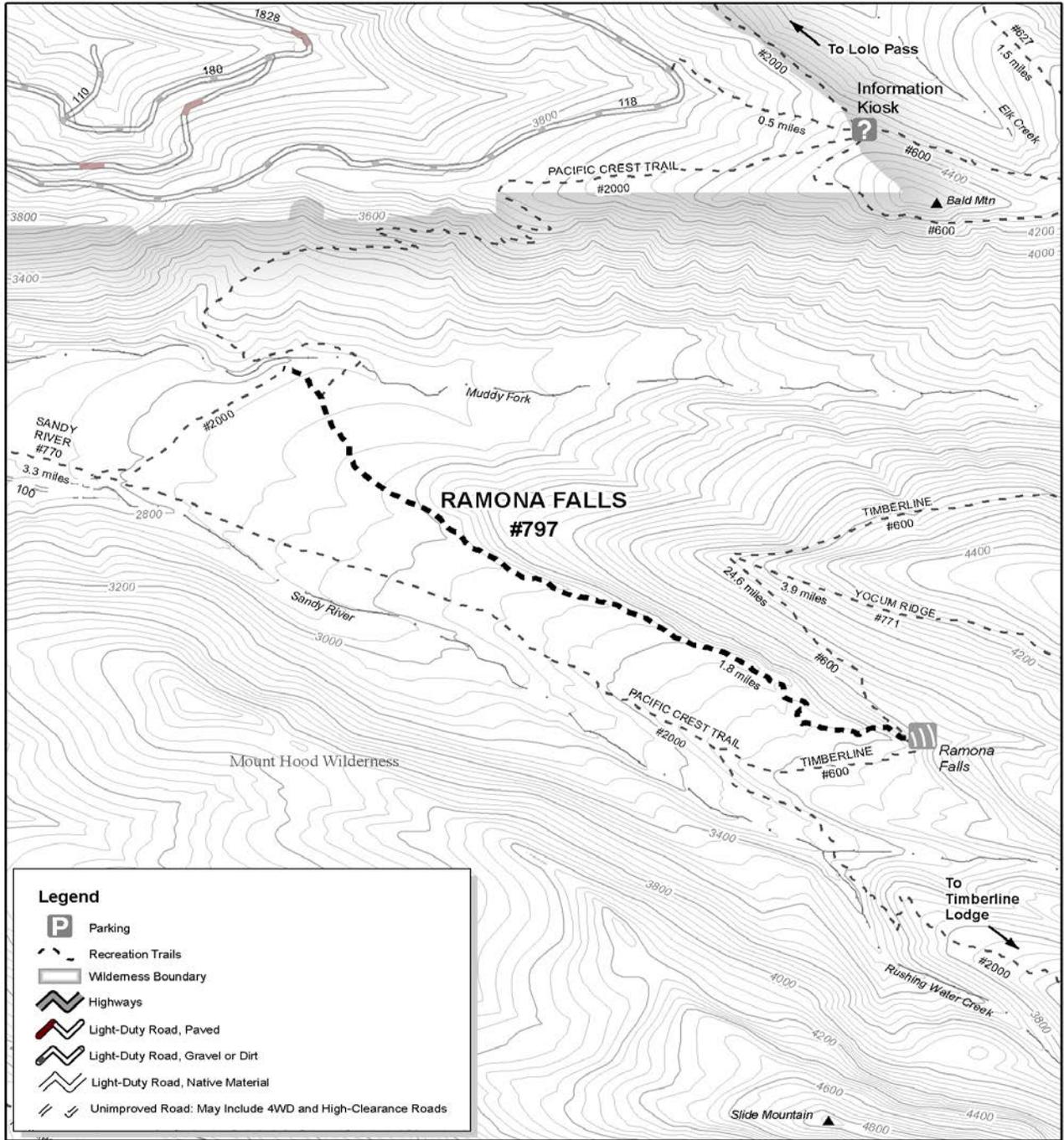
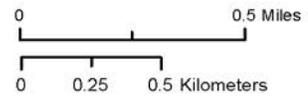
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Directions to Trailhead: From Portland, follow US Highway 26 to Zigzag. Turn north on E. Lolo Pass Road (Forest Road 18). Follow it four miles. Turn east (right) onto Forest Road 1825 and continue 0.6 miles, turn right across a bridge and then continue 1.7 miles to a road junction. Bear left at the junction onto Forest Road 1825-100 and drive 0.3 mile. Take a left onto Forest Road 1825-024 to a large open parking lot (0.2 mile).

797 RAMONA FALLS
1.8 miles 2.8 km



Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District

